

REMARKS

By this Amendment the specification has been amended to improve its presentation and claims 1-3 have been replaced by claims 4-8 which alternatively define the invention. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kirby, and she has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirby in view of Nakagawa et al.

These rejections cannot apply to new claims 4-6. In this regard, Kirby disclose a fish tank 1 having a drain line 6 and an outlet section 17 with orifices 20 for the supply of air to the tank for aeration. However, a method which includes step (c) as defined in new claim 4 is not disclosed.

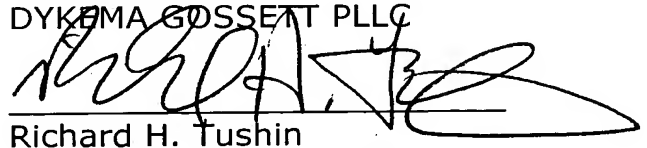
Nothing in Nakagawa et al. would teach the inclusion of step (c) in Kirby.

The examiner's rejections should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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